

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire September 30, 2004. Claims 1-12 are pending. Applicants have amended Claims 7 and 11-12. No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Drawings

Formal corrected drawings are required in this application. Applicants submit herewith a corrected formal drawing of Figure 7 incorporating the proposed drawing correction filed in paper no. 5.

Claim Objections

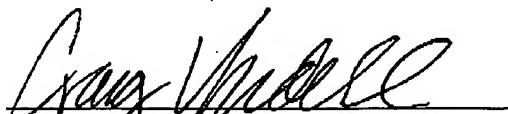
Claim 10 has been objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended Claim 10 herein and believe that such amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection.

Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *MacPhearson, et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0076633 A1). That rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration of the claims is requested. Applicants have amended Claim 11 to recite that the flange section is "asymmetrical in shape in a plane orthogonal to a central axis of rotation of the shaft." *MacPhearson, et al.* describes and teaches a cartridge bearing assembly 114 about which the arm and head assemblies pivot. It is clear from examination of *MacPhearson, et al.* that the cartridge-bearing assembly 114 and its head flange 152 are symmetrical in the plane which is orthogonal to its axis of rotation. For this

reason, and based on the Examiner's comments in sections 7 and 8 of the present Office Action, Applicants believe that both amended Claim 11 and Claim 12, which is dependent thereon, are not shown or suggested by the prior art and that those claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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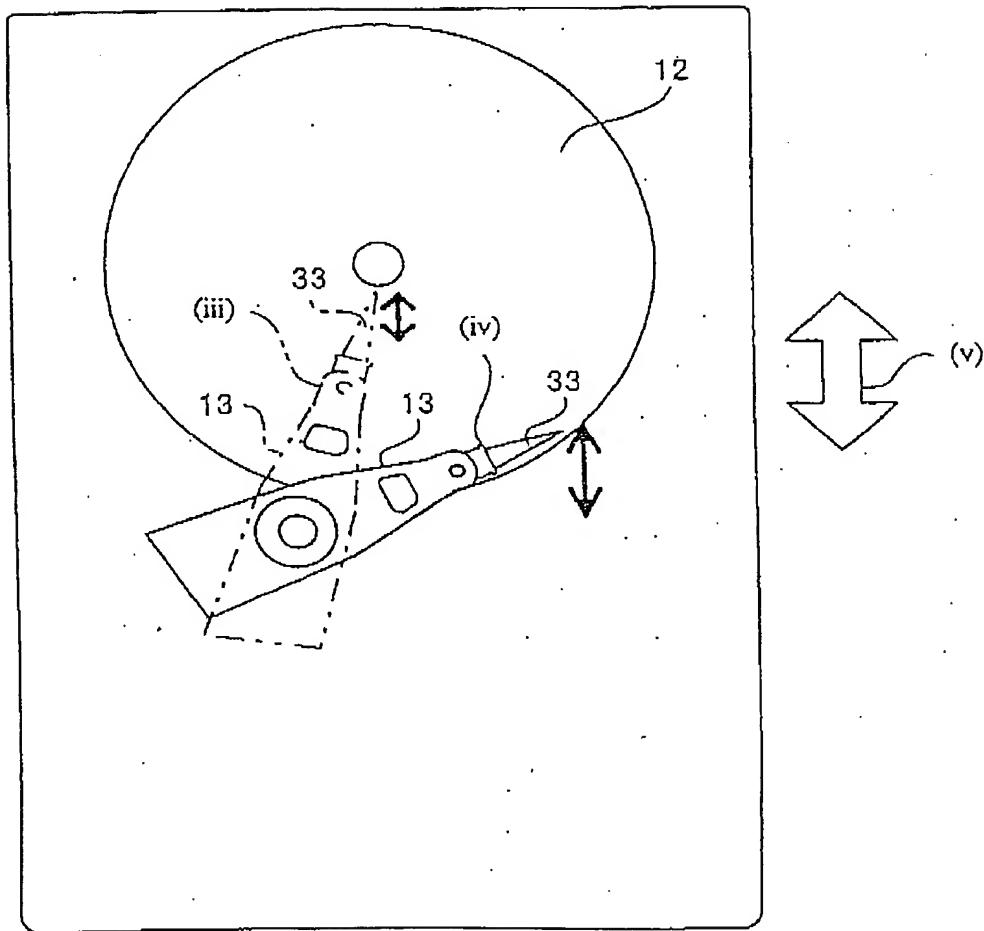
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REPLACEMENT SHEET

[Figure 7]

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